

**COAST GUARD AND FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION BUDGETS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard and Federal Maritime Commission fiscal year 2000 Budgets. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Adm. James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant; and Master Chief Petty Officer Vincent Patton, III; Edward P. Walsh, Managing Director, Federal Maritime Commission; and John H. Anderson, Jr., Issue Area Director, Transportation Issues, GAO.

**CAPITOL COMPLEX—FIRE SAFETY ISSUES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation held a hearing on fire safety issues within the Capitol Complex. Testimony was heard from John W. Lainhart, Inspector General, U.S. House of Representatives; Herb Franklin, Executive Assistant, Architect of the Capitol; and a public witness.

**OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF MOTOR CARRIERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on oversight of the Office of Motor Carriers: Part One. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jack Basso, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs, Chief Financial Officer; Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, and Julie Anna Cirillo, Program Manager, Motor Carrier and Highway Safety, both with the Federal Highway Administration.

**VA BUDGET**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

**FEDERAL RETIREMENT COVERAGE CORRECTIONS ACT; SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM LESSONS LEARNED; COMMITTEE BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT PLANS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported H.R. 416, Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act.

The Committee also hold a hearing on social security reform lessons learned in other countries. Testi-

mony was heard from Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; James Roosevelt, Associate Commissioner, Retirement Policy, SSA; and public witnesses.

The Committee approved the following: Committee Budget; and Oversight Plans for the 106th Congress.

**MEDICARE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Management of the Medicare Program. Testimony was heard from Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

**FIGHTING FOREIGN PROTECTIONISM—IMPORTANCE OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Importance of Trade Negotiations in Fighting Foreign Protectionism. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative.

**COUNTERNARCOTICS BRIEFING**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on counternarcotics. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12, 1999****Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation and Credit, hearing to review agricultural credit outlook, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* to continue hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999, 10:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.